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SUBJ: INFORMAL PROGRESS REPORT NUMBER 1 FOR T-33 ACCIDENT 58-672

1. FORMAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED AT 1415 ON FRIDAY 13 AUG.

2. THE LAC STRUCTURAL REPRESENTATIVE HAS CLASSIFIED THE AIRCRAFT AS A CLASS 26 LOSS, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF DAMAGE TO WING SPARS AND BASIC AIRCRAFT RIB STRUCTURE. ACTUALLY THE WRECKAGE DOESN'T LOOK ALL THAT BAD, EXTERNALLY. ALL THREE GEAR WERE COLLAPSED AND BOTH TIP TANKS SEPERATED FROM THE AIRCRAFT IN THE SKID ACROSS THE DESERT.

3. SATURDAY 14 AUG WAS DEVOTED COMPLETELY TO AN INVESTIGATION OF POWER LOSS POSSIBILITIES. THE ENGINE WAS REMOVED FROM THE AIRCRAFT FOR A COMPLETE CHECK ON THE EDWARDS AFB TEST CELL. THE ENGINE WORKS LIKE A CHARM. THE ENGINE WAS TESTED AND COMPARED WITH PAST TEST CELL REPORTS OF THIS ENGINE; IT CHECKED COMPLETELY DOWN THE LINE. THE AIRCRAFT FUEL SYSTEM INCLUDING SUCH THINGS AS BOOST PUMPS, FILTERS, SHUTOFF VALVE, LIMIT SWITCHES, CHECK VALVES AND PLUMBING REVEALED NO DISCREPANCIES. AT THIS POINT WHAT HAD APPEARED TO BE A STRAIGHT FORWARD AND SMOOTH FLOWING ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BECAME CONSIDERABLY MORE COMPLICATED.

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4. TEAR DOWN OF THE FUSELAGE FUEL TANK IS CONTINUING. ALSO INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF MAIN FUEL SHUTOFF VALVE MALFUNCTION.

(EXPECT TO INTERVIEW WITNESSES AND PARTICIPANTS MONDAY 15 AUG 70.)

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